SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1899.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1898.

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SIXTY-SEVENTH YEAR.

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AT THE CEMETERY,

P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Sixty-seventh Annual Report is herewith submitted by the Trustees to the Proprietors, together with the reports of the Treasurer and Superintendent.

The business of the past year has, on the whole, maintained its usual average. The condition of the various funds, as shown on the Treasurer's books, is as follows: —

The Repair Fund, the income of which is devoted to the perpetual care of lots, and can be used for no other purpose, amounts to $986,289.44, showing an increase of $48,402.55 for the past year. It must always be borne in mind that this fund is a Trust, and its income devoted to a special purpose.

The Permanent Fund, accumulating for the care of the Cemetery after all lots have been disposed of, now stands at $389,799.32, and has been increased the past year $11,626.34.

The General Fund now amounts to $119,810.91, showing a reduction of $20,358.05 in consequence of expenditures for the completion and furnishing of the new Chapel and office buildings.

These buildings, under construction for the last two years, were completed in the summer of the present year. They are thus described in our report for the year 1897: —

"The new buildings now in progress of erection are located just within the gates of the Mt. Auburn Street entrance to the Cemetery. They consist of an office building having its entrance front on Garden Ave., and a chapel building fronting on Central Ave. The main entrance to the chapel is through a covered driveway porch; the extreme length of the building from the front of this porch to the rear wall of the chancel being 116 ft. and the extreme width across the transepts being 54 ft. The office building has a frontage of 55 ft., and a depth of 65 ft., and is connected with the chapel by a cloister which also extends along the north wall of the chapel.

"The English perpendicular style of architecture, as exemplified in many of the English parish churches, built during the early part of the fifteenth century, has been adopted, and the chapel has been planned to meet the requirements of all religious denominations."

The buildings have been constructed according to the original plans to the satisfaction of the architect, Mr. W. T. Sears, who has been unremitting in his superintendence and personal attention; and to that of the Trustees. Their cost, as shown on the Treasurer's books to this date, is $68,047.99. The chapel was a necessity, and application for its use was made before it was completely furnished. The first funeral service was performed on the 18th of June, and the whole number of services since that date has been thirty-seven, more than double the number from the old chapel in previous years for the same period.

The chapel, we believe, is furnished with every modern convenience and improvement, and the humblest as well as the most costly and expensive funeral services can there be satisfactorily performed. Indeed, it may finally prove that it is better adapted for these services than city churches or private residences, and thus the necessity of long and tedious funeral processions from the neighboring cities and towns may be obviated.

The subject of cremation was brought before the Board the last winter, and the President was directed to apply to the Legislature for an act authorizing us to establish a crematory, and giving us power to incinerate as well as inter the bodies of the dead. The result was the passage of a general law, which gives us all the powers asked for. The subject is still before the Board, and further steps have been taken to obtain necessary information in regard to the subject.

The usual care has been devoted to the improvement of the Cemetery. The Superintendent's report shows that four hundred tons of crushed stone have been used upon the avenues and paths, and that four hundred and thirty feet of concrete pavement have been laid on the sloping paths where the wash of the storms has heretofore been a serious evil. These and similar improvements will continue to be made.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN,

President.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn:

GENTLEMEN, — I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	32
" old lots improved by being graded and sodded	19
" old lots bounded with granite posts	8
" lots enclosed with granite	0
" lots enclosed with iron fence	0
" lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	21
" headstones erected	312
" monuments erected	50
" catch basins built	2
" tons crushed stone spread on avenues	400
" lineal feet of concrete paths built	435
" tombs removed	2
" iron fences removed	12
" granite curbings removed	6

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report		31,937
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1898	448	
" removals from other cemeteries	30	
Total number of interments for the year		478
" " " in cemetery		32,415
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	15	
" " " interments in public lots	26	

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To public lots	0	
To private lots	34	
Total removals within the cemetery		34
" " from the cemetery		9
Total number of removals		43

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mt. Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1898.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			$24,971.82
He has received from sundry parties, —			
For sales of lots		$ 13,416.75	
" labor and materials on lots, etc.	$ 57,488.77		
" deposits in receiving tomb	1,088,00		
		58,576.77	
For deeds and transfers	$148.00		
Notes receivable	58,000.00		
Interest on loans	3,948.49		
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for income on Permanent Fund,	8,000.00		
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one quarter of expenditure for grading new lands for sale	105.98	70,202.47	
			142,195.99
			$ 167,167.81

FOR THE 67TH YEAR, 1898.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties, —

For labor (pay roll)	$36,973.98	
" materials	14,175.51	
" repairs of buildings and fences	1,457.87	
" receiving tomb drawbacks	6.00	
		$52,613.36
For expenses, —		
For salaries	$7,300.00	
" office expenses	2,326.68	
" taxes on real estate	1,150.90	
" insurance	37.50	
		10,815.08
For notes receivable	$50,000.00	
" account of new chapel	33,657.97	
" amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	3,262.19	
" graves repurchased	50.00	
" amount paid Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for permanent fund	4,558.91	
		91,529.07
Balance in hands of Treasurer		12,210.30
		$167,167.81

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, as per last report		$ 51,776.85
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	$ 40,000.00	
" National Shawmut Bank Stock in liquidation	2,000.00	
" endowments	28,696.25	
" income of investments	46,089.65	
		116,785.90
		$ 168,562.75
He has paid for said account, —		
For care and improvement of lots	$ 26,383.31	
" notes receivable secured by mortgage	83,800.00	
		$ 110,183.31
Balance in hands of Treasurer		58,379.44
		$ 168,562.75

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots, as per last report,		$ 937,886.85
Additions during the year	48,402.59	
		$ 986,289.44
Invested as follows: —		
Notes receivable secured by mortgage	$ 912,100.00	
$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank	$2,430.00	
Received on account in liquidation	2,000.00	
	430.00	
		$ 927,910.00
Cash in hands of Treasurer		58,379.44
		$ 986,289.44

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$ 12,210.30
Notes receivable		100,000.00
Bills for labor and materials uncollected	$ 9,108.56	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,507.95	
		7,600.61
		$ 119,810.91

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report		$378,172.48
Deposited in December, 1898	$4,558.91	
Interest	7,067.93	
		11,626.84
		$389,799.32

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn Streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Sawin and Cottage Streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, Dec. 31, 1898.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight have been examined and found correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of $12,210.30, and in the fund for repairs, $58,379.44.

T. QUINCY BROWNE,
HENRY S. SHAW, } *Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 21st, 1899.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-Laws as follows: —

Donation in Trust. — "The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided."

Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty. — "The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided."

"All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the 'Repair Fund,' and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in first-mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment."

"Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts."

Reconveyance in Trust. — "A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot

to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts expressed in his deed of reconveyance; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance* FOREVER, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as may be shown in the Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

JAMES C. SCORGIE,
Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

[*Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.*]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons:

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1899.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING, DURING NOVEMBER ONLY.	
100 square feet.	$1.50	$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional
300 " "	3.00	2.00	parts of 100 feet will be
400 " "	4.00	2.50	charged the rate of the
500 " "	5.00	3.00	next larger size, when that
600 " "	6.00	3.50	fraction exceeds 50 feet.
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given ***at least two weeks before wanted.***

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

The following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

Title to lot held as real estate.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey, or by will devise, his lot; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Pub. St., ch. 125, § 1): —

If proprietor dies intestate.

Heirs-at-law.

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue, and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.
6. If no issue, and no father, mother, brother, nor sister, then next of kin.

Rights of widow in lot.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of the lot during her life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. Acts of 1885, ch. 302.

Provisions of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or if not devised, and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representative to be designated.

Pub. St., ch. 82, § 3, and sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation, provide, "if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot."

Representative no control over title.

This designation *does not affect the title.* They (the heirs or devisees) are tenants-in-common; no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petition for representative. Importance of prompt return.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*: otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisible. No record of part ownership.

Lots are *indivisible*, and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. vii.)

L. G. FARMER,
Secretary.

Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

Office of the Corporation, 5 Tremont Street.

BOSTON, Jan. 26, 1899.

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn will be held at the Horticultural Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, on Monday, Feb. 6, 1899, at 3 1-2 o'clock P. M., to hear the Annual Reports, choose Trustees and transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

L. G. FARMER, Secretary.